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In re Application of:

Haynes et al.

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DECISION ON PETITION TO WITHDRAW THE HOLDING

OF ABANDONMENT

This is in response to applicants' petition under 37 CFR. § 1.181 filed on August 10, 2005, requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment based on failure to respond to an Office action.

A review of the file history shows that the Office mailed an Office action, setting a three-month statutory time period for reply, to applicants on July 13, 2004. A notice of Abandonment was mailed to applicants on January 25, 2005. Applicants point out that the Office action was sent to an incorrect correspondence address as evidenced by the address on the Office action of January 25, 2005. Applicants point out that a change of correspondence address was filed on July 1, 2004. Applicants also point out that a duplicate change of correspondence address was filed on January 25, 2005 and the notice of Abandonment went to the correct correspondence address on the same date. In view of this error, this application is restored to pending status with the mailing date of this decision.

Applicants' petition is **GRANTED**.

This application will be forwarded to the examiner for prompt remailing of the Office action of July 13, 2004.

Should there be any questions about this decision, please contact Marianne C. Seidel by letter addressed to Director, TC 1600, at the address listed above, or by telephone at 571-272-0584 or by facsimile at 703-872,9306.

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